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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application are aware of the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form, and have enclosed copies of the listed documents.

The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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Applicants call to the Examiners attention co-pending applications Serial Nos. 10/051,565, filed January 18, 2002; 10/051,492, filed January 18, 2002, 10/051,648, filed January 18, 2002, 10/060,272, filed January 30, 2002, 10/607,328, filed June 26, 2003, 10/919,735, August 17, 2004, 11/006,449, filed December 6, 2004, 11/006,165, filed December 6, 2004, and 11/098,898, filed April 4, 2005, which share a common disclosure with the present application and claim priority to the same parent application.

The Examiners attention is also directed to European Patent No. 0769926 and European Patent Application No. 02076318.1 both of which derive priority from the same parent application as the present application. EP 0769926 is currently being opposed. Details regarding this patent and pending application may be found at the online European Patent Register (<http://register.epoline.org/espacenet/ep/en/srch-reg.htm>). Applicants will submit further documents or details regarding the European patent and pending application upon Examiners request. The Examiner's attention is also directed to Japanese Application Nos. 8-504446 and 2004-267796, both of which derive priority from the same application as the present application. Applicants will submit further documents or details regarding these pending Japanese applications upon Examiner's request.

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Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

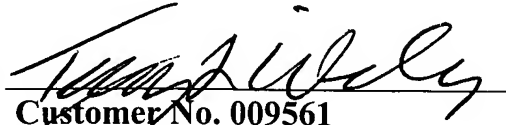
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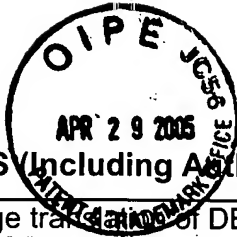
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	WO 93/12723	07/08/93	WIPO				
	WO 94/06372	03/31/94	WIPO				
	WO 96/01599	01/25/96	WIPO				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

			English language translation of DE-A-3107392 (15 pages).

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